

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Nakajima et al.
Appl. No. : 09/786,100
Filed : May 21, 2001
For : OPTICAL FIBER CORD
Examiner : C. S. Thompson
Group Art Unit : 1774

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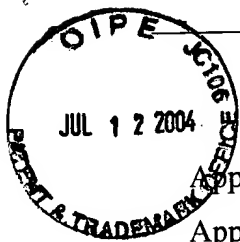
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 9, 2004, please amend the above captioned application as set forth below, and consider the following remarks.

Applicant thanks the Examiner and Supervising Examiner for the time taken during the interview of June 21, and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. A summary of the interview is provided herein. Please note that a Notice of Appeal was filed in this case on June 9, 2004 with a one month extension, and thus no fee is believed due for this response.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

(X) Amendment and Response to Final Office Action in 5 pages.

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